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(c) The Government have no information.

(d) Sanction has been accorded to meet half the cost of items (3) and (5) and a fourth of the cost of item (6) from the Railway cess accumulations to the credit of the District Board.

(e) All the works except item (8) are executed under the supervision of the District Board Engineering staff; item (8) has been entrusted to Messrs. Braithwaite & Company on a lump-sum contract under the supervision of the Public Works Department.

(f) & (g) A loan of Rs. 90,000 has been sanctioned to the District Board for item (2) repayable in twenty annual instalments, Rs. 50,000 bearing interest at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum and Rs. 40,000 at $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum.

Alleged appointment of a member of the Tenali Taluk Board as a temporary President before his taking the oath of allegiance.

* 1175 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a member of the Tenali Taluk Board was appointed as the temporary President of that Board in October 1928 by the President, Guntur District Board, before the former had taken his oath of allegiance as a member of the said taluk board;

(b) whether this act was brought to the notice of the Government and was declared by the Government as illegal and set aside by them; and

(c) whether they will be pleased to lay on the Council table a copy of the order referred to in (b) or any such order passed on the subject?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. But the Government did not set aside the appointment of temporary President but only pointed out that he could not function as such, nor convene a meeting.

(c) No.

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo:—"Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (c) may I know the reason why the Government say, 'No'?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I want notice."

Expenditure by local bodies in connexion with addresses to His Excellency the Governor.

* 1176 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any order or rule to the effect that local bodies may spend up to a limit of Rs. 500 in connexion with addresses or receptions to His Excellency the Governor;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an order; and

(c) what are the affairs of local bodies on which His Excellency the Governor can give an answer to them committing the Government?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) More than one local body having proposed to spend Rupees 1,000 in connexion with the reception of His Excellency the Governor, the Government issued orders that no municipal council or district board should spend more than Rs. 500 in such connexion.

(*c*) The attention of the hon Member is invited to section 52 (3) of the Government of India Act.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to answer to clause (*c*) of this question, may I know if the Governor has to consult the Ministers in respect of representations made to him by the local bodies whenever they present him with addresses under section 52 (3) of the Government of India Act ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have said that His Excellency is entitled to take action ; and when addresses are presented and replies are given by him they are done in consultation with the Ministers."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Ministers therefore speak through the Governor in respect of transferred subjects under their charge ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Naturally, if local bodies make representations he must give a reply and he gives it in consultation with the Ministers."

Nomination of Mr. Ramachandra Padayachi as member of the South Arcot District Board.

*1177 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government were aware when nominating Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi, M.L.C., as a member of the South Arcot District Board that he was already a nominated member of the South Arcot District Temple Committee and the District Educational Council ;

(*b*) why the Government nominated the same person to various bodies ;

(*c*) whether the Government considered the under-representation of other communities in the District Board before nominating Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi and satisfied themselves that no other suitable person was available for nomination ;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that Mr. Tayaramma Padayachi, one of the members elected by the Taluk Board, Cuddalore, is the brother-in-law of Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi was promised nomination to the District Board ; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a complete list of members at present, elected, ex-officio and nominated, of the District Board stating their community and the taluk boards by which they were returned ?

A.—(*a*) Yes, but Mr. P. K. Ramachandra Padayachi is an elected member of the District Educational Council.

(*b*) Because he was considered suitable.